

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Further, claims 1-6 and 8-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 4,901,718 to Bille et al. Also, claims 7 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bille et al.

In response, Applicant has provided arguments overcoming the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112, 102 and 103. No amendments to the claims have been made. Claims 1-20 remain pending, with claims 13-20 being withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the Office Action, claims 1-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

In response, Applicant asserts that claim 1-12 have been enabled by the disclosure of the application as filed. In Fig. 4, the scanning mechanism 44 and the scanning mechanism 48 are illustrated in standard lining in their initial orientations. Further, the scanning mechanism 44 is illustrated in phantom at its orientation after rotating in a clockwise direction through the angle θ . Similarly, the scanning mechanism 48 is illustrated in phantom at its orientation after rotating in a clockwise direction through the angle 2θ . As a result of the illustrated rotation of the scanning mechanisms 44 and 48, the beam path is moved in the x-direction in the medium. Further, the

movement of the beam path in the x-direction is compensated by the scanning mechanism 48.

As illustrated in Figs. 2 and 4, and as described in the specification at paragraphs 21, 26 and 27, Applicant has enabled a person of ordinary skill in the art of laser optics to utilize first and second scanning mechanisms to move a beam path in the x-direction, and to compensate the beam path's movement in the x-direction. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, has been traversed by argument. For this reason, Applicant contends the bases for rejecting claims for failing to comply with the enablement requirement have been overcome and should be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

All pending claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 in view of Bille et al.

In response, Applicant notes that the cited reference fails to disclose the combination of a scanning mechanism for moving the laser beam in the x-direction and a scanning mechanism for compensating movement of the laser beam in the x-direction.

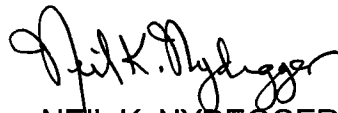
Therefore, the cited reference does not teach or suggest the invention as claimed. For this reason, Applicant contends the bases for rejecting claims under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 have been overcome and should be withdrawn.

Further, if the Examiner sustains the current rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103, then compliance with 37 CFR 1.104(c)(2) is requested. Specifically, the particular parts in Bille et al. relied on by the Examiner in making the rejections must be designated.

In conclusion, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1-12 are patentable for the reasons set forth above, and that the application is now in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 619-688-1300 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

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